



## OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Robert J. Vidal  
Applicant No.: 10/623,424  
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Title: "A PROTECTIVE SHIELD FOR A TOOL"

**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE PURSUANT TO**  
**37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Dear Commissioner:

The following is Applicant's response to the Office action dated May 22, 2006.